



TOWN OF KNIGHTDALE
PLANNING AND ENGINEERING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes

950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, North Carolina 27545

June 10, 2013

The Knightdale Planning and Engineering Committee met in the upstairs conference room in the Town of Knightdale Town Hall at 6:00 p.m. on June 10, 2013.

ITEM I. CALL TO ORDER

...Councilor Tripp called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., Monday, June 10, 2013.

ATTENDING: Councilor Tripp, Councilor Poirier, Doug Taylor, Mark Swan, Chris Hills, Fred Boone, Jeff Triezenberg, Jennifer Currin, Courtney Jenkins

ITEM II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

...Mr. Boone moved to approve the May 13, 2013 minutes. Councilor Poirier seconded. Without objection the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Capital Projects Update

First Ave. Phase I and II – Mr. Boone stated that the projects are complete and in the final steps of their punch list.

Second Ave. Resurfacing – The pavement structure has been evaluated for the project. The bid for this project is opening this Thursday, June 13 with expected construction this summer.

Knightdale Town Park – Phase I of the park is 80% complete; the contract completion date stands at July 23. A status project meeting was held last week. Building construction, which has made progress, along with landscaping, are the critical paths. Once the irrigation is installed, then sod can be laid.

Greenway Phase II – Construction is underway and further progress has been made with the boardwalk near Trail Stream Way. There has been some delay due to the rain. As weather allows, there will be paving from Mingo Creek to Widewaters Parkway.

Councilor Poirier inquired about the final section in Princeton Manor and when it would be constructed.

Mr. Hills stated that the developer for Princeton Manor has not recorded that section.

Mr. Boone answered that the section in question is not part of the allocated funds, the Town does not have permission, and it would require an easement.

Mr. Hills stated that it is hard to predict when it would be constructed because it is dependent on the market. If the Town installed it, a budget would need to be established and it would only be a temporary solution. The elevations have not been established yet.

Mr. Boone stated that a temporary solution could be addressed but there would need to be a balance of cost and duration.

Mr. Hills replied that Staff could put together a few estimated cost options and comparisons.

Councilor Poirier agreed that he would be interested in researching temporary solutions.

ITEM IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Livestock Ordinance Discussion

Mr. Hills began the livestock ordinance discussion. The current ordinance in place was adopted approximately five years ago. It could be considered restrictive compared to other local municipalities. The topic is being addressed due to a citizen inquiry from the Emerald Point subdivision. Currently, a citizen within town limits can have one chicken per acre of land, up to four chickens total. However, many citizens in our town's residential neighborhoods have less than one acre of land. The citizen proposed being allowed two to three chickens, and no roosters. Urban chickens are becoming more acceptable, such as in Raleigh, Cary and Wake Forest. Issues to consider could be noise, smell, etc.

Councilor Poirier stated that if permissible, the chickens would need to be restricted to the rear yard and have a fence.

Councilor Tripp addressed that Homeowners Associations can restrict them as well.

Mr. Hills stated that several municipalities allow up to four chickens, with restrictions on roosters. Staff would propose researching and comparing the current ordinance to other municipalities, limit the number allowed and remove nuisance possibilities.

Mr. Swan stated that the current ordinance only lists livestock and does not address chickens specifically.

Councilor Tripp advised Staff to conduct research regarding other municipalities, what the restrictions are and how it is regulated through permits.

Mr. Hills replied that if there was a nuisance situation, Staff could revoke the permit.

Ms. Currin stated the current fee is \$50.00 for a livestock permit, which could be revised to address chickens specifically.

Councilor Tripp suggested that the chickens should be for personal consumption only and sale of the eggs not be allowed. He concluded by asking Staff to compile research and bring the information to the August meeting.

ITEM V. OTHER BUSINESS

ITEM VI. ADJOURNMENT

... Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.



Attest, Chairman of the Planning and Engineering Committee, Dustin Tripp



Clerk to the Planning and Engineering Committee, Courtney Jenkins

